

Miscellaneous Editorial Paragraphs

God may, but no one need expect God to save him from the consequences of blameworthy carelessness.

It is both wiser and better to make sure of heaven by being a maximum rather than a minimum Christian.

A heart filled with the love of God is the only preparation for soul-winning work, and must be the root from which all Christian effort springs.

The moment one gets Christ into the heart he begins to think about helping others.

The man who is saved, saved in the New Testament sense of the term salvation, saved from sin, from superstition, from ignorance, from prejudice, from his own way and will, wholly and entirely saved in every fiber of his body, soul and spirit, such a one needs no argument to interest him in missions either home or foreign.

Contrary winds do not necessarily mean that we are to turn back and go in the same direction with the wind. When in the course of life we come to closed doors or closed gates, that is not an indication that we are to go no farther. The closed doors and gates may have been put there for us to open.

Jesus Christ knew the needs of the world and he came to save it. Are we as much interested in the needs of others?

The reason it is easier for a camel to go thru the needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven is because that part of the camel's anatomy known as the *knee* is more flexible than the corresponding part in the rich man. If there is one thing the camel can do well it is to get down on his knees.

Thoughtlessness and negligence and inattention are the cause of about three fourths of all the accidents and heart breaks in this world.

Many of the events in this life classed as dispensations of divine providence are but dispensations of human improvidence.

A prominent newspaper of Boston requested Rev. Edward Everett Hale to write an article on how he keeps well and at work despite his age. He wrote the article and said it was because he had religious faith. The article was rejected. Certainly. That was not sensational enough for the average newspaper.

When we come to regard doing good as a privilege instead of a duty, we immediately pass from the imaginary to the real article.

It is not indicative of mental or moral weakness to confess past follies, tho our sensitive self-esteem shrinks from the exercise of this salutary virtue. Such confession may more certainly be the profession of present wisdom; but we should be careful in our estimate of the man who is profuse in the confession of rather small faults. He may be only disguising great ones. Honest confession is a scriptural duty, perhaps the most neglected of all, and this neglect is a pointer toward a very far retrogression from that apostolic holiness and humility involved in the true religious life.

A man's intimate friends are index fingers to his character. If they are good, chaste, noble, depend upon it that he reflects all these virtues. If they are giddy, impure, intemperate, ungodly, you had better look farther if you wish to find some one who will be useful to an honorable purpose.

In Central Africa public speakers and debaters are limited in their time by requiring them to stand on one leg while they talk. If this rule were applied to public speakers in this country not a few would suffer from cramps, and it is not unlikely that on Monday mornings at least, even some ministers would limp.

There is a picture on the dome of a church in Europe which when first seen has the appearance only of great masses of cloud; but as one draws near and looks at it more closely, more intently, it appears to be a great throng of angels hovering over. It is so that earth's darkest clouds hanging over the Christian, when seen by faith's eye, prove to be not clouds of terror, but the clouds of glory enfolding Christ himself. When the disciples first saw Jesus walking on the water they were afraid of him, and yet it was he who had been watching them from the mountain top thru all the night long. Jesus may come to us in the storm and the cloud of sorrow, in the loss of earthly goods, in the disappointments of life, and at first we are frightened, but if we will stop and listen in the darkest hour of grief we may hear the gentle voice of the Savior saying: "It is I; be not afraid."

At the close of the campaign in New York City last fall, Mr. Jerome in a great speech in Cooper Union said: "I have been taught, as child, man and boy, that rectitude meant something; that it was something that human beings could trust to in their hour of trial. I care little for your plaudits in one way, grateful as they are to me in another; I care little what the public press may or may not say. I have pinned my faith to God Almighty's truth." We wish that every public official in these United States could truthfully say the same thing. Many another has been taught as Mr. Jerome has, but very few officials have clung to the teachings and the simple faith of their childhood.

Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago, has done the most unique thing since the days of George Washington. He has been trying to get the requisite authority for reducing his salary. He has asked for a reduction of 20 per cent which would mean cutting it down from \$10,000 to \$8,000. Thus far he has failed in his efforts, but he is a smart and resourceful Mayor and will likely win in the end. This is almost an unheard of thing, but when it is remembered that the city is hard up for money and that when the paring begins all other officials will have their salaries reduced 10 per cent whether they yearn for such treatment or not, it is not so wonderful after all that the Mayor should have trouble in carrying out his purpose. Imagine the Mayor of a great city going on a strike because the city refuses to reduce his salary! What an example that would be! And this in Chicago! Some one has said that Esau was the first man that ever said he had enough, and probably the only one, but now the Mayor of Chicago is to be placed in the same category. Will we have to wait 4,000 years for another example? Let us hope not.